

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

By Moore

A RESOLUTION to designate June 6-12, 2005 as "Dixie Youth Baseball Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, baseball has long been an important sport in Tennessee; for countless years, both youth and adults have spent many joyful hours playing and watching America's pastime; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Dixie Youth Baseball believed that a good sports program for youth should develop goals and objectives that would thereby enhance the development of character, fair play, and love of God and country; they established such a program in 1955 and are now celebrating 50 years of commendable sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Tennessee saw the formation of its first Dixie Youth League in 1958, Dixie Youth Baseball has now spread to over 100 participating communities statewide who share a common interest in cultivating superior character and principles in today's youth; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Dixie Youth Baseball has developed a generous scholarship program open to all children who have participated in Dixie Youth, and in acknowledgement of this, Dixie Youth's 50<sup>th</sup> year running, the organization will provide fifty \$2,000 scholarships to deserving youth; and

WHEREAS, all Dixie Youth Baseball communities share a common mission of open access and equity, opportunities for sportsmanship, and understanding of fair play; Dixie Youth promotes a community-based philosophy and a commitment to lifelong learning, as evidenced by its administration and staff being comprised wholly of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the acumen and dedication of coaches at all levels in the Dixie Youth community are without peer; the support of parents and fans provides positive reinforcement to the participants and teaches them valuable lessons of life, sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, by responding to the needs and values of Tennessee's communities, Dixie Youth Baseball has played an integral role in developing respectable and spirited youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that June 6-12, 2005, is hereby designated as "Dixie Youth Baseball Week" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the good people of the Dixie Youth Baseball organization for the fifty years of worthy service they have provided in promoting what is good and noble in Tennessee's youth, and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.